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SUBJECT: UNESCO 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE - CUBAN DRAFT  
RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO (18C/PLEN/DR.9)

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1. DELEGATION SHOULD WORK ACTIVELY, ENLISTING AID OF  
FRIENDLY DELEGATIONS, TO DEFEAT DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PUERTO  
RICO.  
LOBBYING EFFORTS, YOU SHOULD DRAW ON MATERIAL BELOW FOR  
ARGUMENTATION.

2. PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO HAVE EXERCISED SELF-DETERMINATION  
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AND ATTAINED SELF-GOVERNMENT BY FREELY AND FULLY PARTICI-

PATING IN ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO  
FREELY ASSOCIATED WITH U.S. PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE ADOPTED  
COMMONWEALTH CONSTITUTION IN REFERENDUM OF MARCH 3, 1952.

3. UNGA IN 1953 RECOGNIZED PUERTO RICO'S ATTAINMENT OF  
SELF-GOVERNMENT BY ADOPTING RESOLUTION 748. OPERATIVE  
PARAGRAPH 5 OF RESOLUTION "RECOGNIZES THAT, IN THE FRAME-  
WORK OF THEIR CONSTITUTION AND OF THE COMPACT AGREED UPON  
WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA , THE PEOPLE OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO HAVE BEEN INVESTED WITH ATTRI-

BUTES OF POLITICAL SOVEREIGNTY WHICH CLEARLY IDENTIFY THE  
STATUS OF SELF-GOVERNMENT ATTAINED BY THE PUERTO RICAN  
PEOPLE AS THAT OF AN AUTONOMOUS POLITICAL ENTITY."  
OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE RESOLUTION "CONSIDERS THAT,  
DUE TO THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE DECLARATION REGARDING  
NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES AND THE PROVISIONS  
ESTABLISHED UNDER IT IN CHAPTER XI OF THE CHARTER CAN NO  
LONGER BE APPLIED TO THE COMMONWEALTH."

4. BY REJECTING PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE PUERTO RICO IN ITS  
AGENDA IN 1971, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN EFFECT REAFFIRMED  
ITS PREVIOUS DECISION THAT PUERTO RICO IS SELF-GOVERNING.  
IN GENERAL ELECTIONS IN 1956, 1960, 1964, 1968, AND 1972,  
AS WELL AS IN A 1967 REFERENDUM ON STATUS, THE PEOPLE  
OF PUERTO RICO HAVE FREELY CHOSEN TO RETAIN THEIR PRESENT  
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US. IN 1972 ELECTION, PARTY ADVO-  
CATING INDEPENDENCE RECEIVED ONLY 4 PER CENT OF THE  
VOTES CAST. GA RES 2955 DOES NOT RATIFY COMMITTEE OF 24  
AS ASSERTED IN DRAFT RES.

5. USG RECOGNIZES THAT BY MAJORITY VOTE UNGA ADOPTED  
RESOLUTION 1514 (1960) CALLING FOR SELF-DETERMINATION  
AND INDEPENDENCE FOR COLONIAL TERRITORIES. HOWEVER,  
WE BELIEVE TERRITORIES MAY ALSO ELECT FORM OF SELF  
GOVERNMENT OTHER THAN INDEPENDENCE, SUCH AS FREE ASSOCIA-  
TION WITH AN INDEPENDENT STATE. THIS WAS RECOGNIZED  
IN UNGA RESOLUTION 1541 (1960). PUERTO RICO HAD ADOPTED  
THE LATTER COURSE BY POPULAR VOTE. SINCE 1972 UN  
COMMITTEE OF 24 HAS CONSIDERED PUERTO RICO. US HAS  
OPPOSED THIS CONSIDERATION ON GROUNDS THAT PUERTO RICO  
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IS SELF-GOVERNING, THAT RESOLUTION 748 ACCORDINGLY  
RECOGNIZED PUERTO RICO NO LONGER UN CONCERN, AND THAT  
COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSION OF PUERTO RICO IS ILLEGITIMATE  
INTERFERENCE IN US AND PUERTO RICAN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

6. IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR VIEW THAT DISCUSSION OF PUERTO  
RICO BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION IS INTERFERENCE IN  
OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS DELEGATION SHOULD LIMIT PARTICIPA-

TION ANY DEBATE ON MATTER TO MAKING FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"THE UNITED STATES STRENUOUSLY OPPOSES CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO REPEATEDLY HAVE CHOSEN IN FREE ELECTIONS TO RETAIN THEIR PRESENT TIES WITH THE UNITED STATES. IN RESOLUTION 748 IN 1953 THE UNGA RECOGNIZED THAT PUERTO RICO IS SELF-GOVERNING AND THAT THE DECLARATION

REGARDING NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES AND THE PROVISIONS UNDER IT IN CHAPTER XI OF THE CHARTER CAN NO LONGER BE APPLIED TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO. THE GA IN ADOPTING RES 1514 SAID THAT THE PEOPLES OF NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES SHOULD ACT 'IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR FREELY EXPRESSED WILL AND DESIRE.' AT THE SAME SESSION THE UNGA ADOPTED RES 1541 WHICH ACKNOWLEDGED A FULL MEASURE OF SELF-GOVERNMENT COULD BE REACHED BY FREE ASSOCIATION WITH AN INDEPENDENT STATE. THE ALLUSION TO GA RES 2955 OF 1972 IS WHOLLY INACCURATE AS THE ASSEMBLY DID NOT RATIFY THE COMMITTEE OF 24 RESOLUTION AS ASSERTED IN DRAFT RESOLUTION BEFORE US. DISCUSSION OF PUERTO RICO BY THIS OR ANY OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION IS AN ILLEGITIMATE INTRUSION INTO THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE COMMONWEALTH ITSELF. SUCH DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL PROPAGANDISTIC ISSUES CAN ONLY DISTRACT THIS ORGANIZATION FROM IMPORTANT MATTERS OF LEGITIMATE CONCERN TO IT."

7. REQUEST DELEGATION KEEP DEPARTMENT FULLY INFORMED OF TREATMENT OF PUERTO RICO AT GENERAL CONFERENCE. KISSINGER

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